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Rockford to Host College Table Tennis Championships

Event to bring Olympic-caliber athletes to Rockford

ROCKFORD, IL (April 1, 2013) - For the first time, Rockford is the host of the College Table Tennis Championship to be held Friday, April 12 – Sunday, April 14, 2013 at the Forest City Tennis Center (Clock Tower Racquet Club), 7801 E. State St. The tournament will bring more than 300 players from more than 40 schools across the United States, Canada and Puerto Rico to compete for a national title in one of the Olympics' most popular sports.

The National Collegiate Table Tennis Association estimates the Championship Tournament will also draw 500 enthusiastic fans which results in an overall economic impact of \$190,800 for the community, according to the Rockford Area Convention and Visitors Bureau.

The Forest City Tennis Center will be open to the public for free on Thursday, April 11th from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. for spectators to watch these world-class players warm-up and prepare for the elite-level table tennis tournament. Once the Championship begins, Single-day spectator passes (Adults - \$5, Students & Seniors - \$4) and 3-Day Event spectator passes (Adults - \$12, Students & Seniors - \$10) are available for purchase at the door. In addition to watching the great competition, Championship attendees can take on the table tennis robot (ball machine).

“Rockford has a nice setup with the hotel and venue within walking distance, which is something that NCTTA players, coaches and fans haven’t experienced at recent championships,” said Willy Leparulo, President of the NCTTA. “In addition we have one of our own, Ed Hogshead, who is Mr. Table Tennis for the city of Rockford, so it just makes the right sense for us to have chosen Rockford for the '13 Championships. We look forward to an exceptional turnout and tournament.”

For more information about the event, visit <http://nctta.org/champs/2013>.

About the National Collegiate Table Tennis Association

The National Collegiate Table Tennis Association (NCTTA) is a government-recognized 501(c)(3) non-profit organization dedicated to promoting competitive table tennis at the collegiate level in North America (US, Canada, Puerto Rico) The NCTTA works with the USA Table Tennis Association, the sports' national governing body, to further progress in College Table Tennis.

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